



The Port Wheel

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Club Meetings each Wednesday @ Port Panthers 5-30pm for 6pm start.

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Bob Cleland's Vocational Talk

Bob has been a Rotarian for 31 years - St Ives 1990-2004 & Port Macquarie 2004-2021. He has been President at both clubs & is currently our club treasurer.
This is an edited version of Bob's talk via Zoom.



When I finished High School, I intended going to University to study Chemical Engineering. As I had only just turned 16 my father suggested that I spend a year working in a family-run transport and storage business. This would give me a background in business. I stayed in the transport industry for 37 years!

I guess there are three key components to a transport business. The physical equipment, the labor force and the clients. I was always a people person and concentrated on relationships with our clients and in managing our people. Transport and storage presented many challenges and it is still very much a cinderella industry. No one wants trucks near them either on the roads or in their neighbourhood. In the 1960-70s we operated 100 heavy trucks from a depot in Glebe transporting - steel, wire, wool and import and export cargo.

Bob became involved with the NSW RTA and through that became concerned with industry matters such as insurance, industrial relations and waterfront issues. In the 1980s Bob was involved in the famous waterfront confrontations with the TWU with pickets on the wharves and rail terminals. Bob was asked by the Ministry of Transport to break the week-long strike. This took all Bob's people skills working with the TWU & Police. It was an amazing victory and the renegades were overcome. Bob was also involved in acting as a 'super sleuth' in foiling the theft of six cartons of Scotch whisky.



Bob became the President of the NSW RTA and was heavily involved in industrial relations & was able to negotiate a significant pay-rise for the TWU. Bob was also heavily involved in the Transport Industry Superannuation Award which set many precedents for other industry schemes.

Bob had a remarkable career in the transport industry which ended in the 1990s recession when the company was sold to another trucking company. Bob then continued working in the insurance world that he has been associated with during his roles with the NSW RTA.

Inset - Bob in his 40s & a J Meloy Carriers truck.



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Club program - If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Port Wheel Editor Kerry.

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chr	Welcomer	Community Spotlight	InterToast	Sergeant
Sep 29th	Zoom	Dave Pearson Geologist	Diana Gammon	_____	_____	Mavis Wallace	Kerry Medway
Oct 6th	Zoom - Dorothy Mackellar	A speaker from Gunnedah	Diana Gammon	_____	_____	Robert Rutishauser	Glenda Barber
Oct 13th	Zoom	ARH - Lift the Lid	Glenda Barber	_____	_____	Gerald Haynes	Kerry Medway



Charlotte Moore shares her RYLA experience on Zoom

Charlotte is a student at the UTS in Sydney studying a Bachelor degree. She is planning a Masters in either education or medicine. During Covid she has returned home to Port Macquarie & is a Duty Manager at Coles.

Charlotte shared her experience at the recent RYLA week. She found at RYLA three life changing takeaways - Firstly in her ultra busy world of study & work, she learnt 'to be'. She realised she must step away and take time to socialise & meet people. Secondly, she learnt to judge people on their attitude and behaviour rather than on their academic qualifications.

Thirdly, Charlotte discovered something significant about herself. She has been accused of 'being bossy' for most of her life. At RYLA she realised it is good to be a natural leader, as long as you use this skill in the right way.

Charlotte has been chosen as one of the leaders for next years RYLA. She is also the President of a new Rotary Club made-up of former RYLarians and other Rotary participants. Well done Charlotte & thanks for sharing with us via Zoom.



RYLA participants having fun in the mud

Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Tonight's **International Toast** was made by **Lorryl Rumble-Fuller** to the R/C of **Ballymoney** in Northern Ireland.
- **Note - all our October Meetings will be via ZOOM.** Hopefully returning face-to-face in November.
- **Sam Openshaw** sends her greetings & thanks everyone for their concern for Alan after his accident. He is doing well. A good friend has loaned them a car as they await a new car they have ordered. **Sam's Natty Knitters & Crocheters** is powering along. Many ladies are helping & Rod McCormick from Hastings Funerals has donated money for wool. Sam has a project in mind for Hat Day in 2022 & the ladies are working towards this.
- **Pat Schubert** wife of PDG Kevin Schubert died today. Both suffered from dementia but family had a lovely day with Pat yesterday. The funeral will be on Friday at 1-30pm. It will be live-streamed & the code can be obtained from Hastings Funerals.
- Phil Perry announced that the date of the **2022 Giant ROTARY BOOK SALE is March 4-5-6th.** Note the date in your next years diary.

Neil's Inspirational Quote of the Week

"Never let a good crisis go to waste" - Winston Churchill

- Presented by Neil Porter



Birthdays - Sept/Oct 2021

28/09 - Tamara Rumble
01/10 - Diana Gammon
01/10 - Bob Cleland
11/10 - Julie Medway
15/10 - Josi Rutishauser
24/10 - Donne Wearne

Anniversaries October 2021

16/10 - David & Heather Mayne

